

What is claimed is:

1. A seat belt device comprising:
  - a shoulder belt portion for restraining the front portion of the upper half of the
  - 5 body of a passenger seated in an associated seat;
  - a lap belt portion for restraining the thighs of the passenger; and
  - a thigh belt portion which extends across a seat cushion of the associated seat so
  - as to be disposed under the thighs of the passenger in use, and which is provided for
  - restraining the thighs of the passenger together with the lap belt portion.
- 10 2. A seat belt device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - an outer through anchor which is disposed at an outer position with respect to
  - the associated seat, and through which the lap belt portion runs; and
  - an inner anchor which is disposed at an inner position with respect to the
  - 15 associated seat, wherein
    - an end of the thigh belt portion continues to the lap belt portion at the outer
    - through anchor, and the other end of the thigh belt portion is fixed to the inner anchor.
- 20 3. A seat belt device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - a bar-shaped outer anchor which is disposed at an outer position of the
  - associated seat while having a first end to which a distal end of the lap belt portion is
  - connected and a second end to which a proximal end of the thigh belt portion is
  - connected, the outer anchor being supported at a substantially middle portion thereof so
  - as to be rotatable in the vertical direction;
  - 25 an inner anchor which is disposed at an inner position with respect to the

associated seat, and to which the other end of the thigh belt portion is fixed; and

an actuator associated with the outer anchor for rotating the outer anchor so that the thighs of the passenger are sandwiched and held between the lap belt portion and the thigh belt portion thigh belt portion.

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4. A seat belt device according to claim 3, wherein the actuator is adapted to raise the second end of the outer anchor upon detection of an impact.

5. A seat belt device according to claim 1, further comprising:

10 a pre-tensioner which is disposed at an inner position or at an outer position with respect to the associated seat, and to which an end of the thigh belt portion is connected.

6. A seat belt device according to claim 5, wherein the pre-tensioner is adapted to wind the thigh belt portion upon detection of an impact.

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